period of absence from duty shall be paid pay and allowances in accordance with the provisions of sub-rule (2) or sub-rule (3) subject to the directions, if any, of the Court.

(b) Where an authority either wilfully does not observe or through gross negligence fails to observe, the rule provisions, proceedings could be initiated against such authority under the Central Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1965.

BHEL offer on project of NLC

2374. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased *io* state:

(a) whether Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. submitted any offers for equipment in February-March, 1990 to Neyveli Lignite Corporation for 'Zero Unit' proejct of NLC;

(b) whether there is any negotiation for the price between BHEL and NLC on the offer;

(c) whether BHEL had declined to extend their validity period during the negotiation;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if not, the factual position on the refer of BHEL to NLC on this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. BHEL had submitted an offer in May, 1990 for supply of equipment against the tender issued by NLC in February, 1990 for their 'Zero Unit' project.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) BHEL had extended the validity of its offer three times. AS NLC could not decide the order within the extended validity period, BHEL submitted a revised offer. However, Neyveli Zero Unit was subsequently included in the list of projects to be executed by an IPP.

Visit of Defence Secretary to Israel

2375. SHRI SYSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence Secretary went on an official visit to Israel on July 4, 1995; and

(b) if so, the nature and details of military hardware and software sought to be procured from Israel and the outcome of the visit?

THE MINISTER. OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Discussions with senior officials of the Israeli Ministry of Defence were held on issues of mutual interest.

Supply Orders to Bharat Electronics Limited

2376. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Electronics Limited has bagged orders worth Rupees 500 crore from Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited for supplying several new sophisticated naval and defence equipments;

(b) if so, details thereof with terms of such orders;

(c) whether Bharat Electronics Limited has also finalised some deal with Damodar Valley Corporation for setting up a satellite communiction network;

(d) if so, details thereof with terms of such orders;

(e) whether Bharat Electronics limited had also installed its unique liquid crystal display sustem at the Calcutta Airport; and

(f) if so, details thereof with terms of such installation?